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A.—(*a*) Six mutts and 54 temples were exempted from some or all of the provisions of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

(*b*) One mutt and 49 temples were exempted from the payment of contribution to the Board. Of these 45 temples are under the management of the Cochin State and information in regard to their income is not available. The annual loss to the Board in respect of the remaining four temples and one mutt is about Rs. 4,600.

(*c*) The question has not been considered, on account of the unsound finances of the Board.

(*d*) No. The payment of salary to the Board's staff has so far been regularly made.

(*e*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"Sir, with reference to clause (*c*) may I know when the Government would finish consideration of this question?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The answer is that the question has not been considered."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"May I know when the Government will think of considering the question, Sir?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"As I said, the question has not been considered on account of the unsound financial condition."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"May I know when the Government will find the financial condition of the Board sound so as to enable them to consider the question?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I want notice."

Apportionment of lands belonging to temples.

*1182 *Q*.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether Government know of any cases where apportionment of lands has been decided upon as contemplated on page 5 of the Second Administration Report of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and if so, what those cases are and how the apportionment has been made?

A.—A statement [a] showing the cases where apportionment of temple lands has been decided upon in schemes of administration settled by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in accordance with the policy enunciated by it in paragraph 8 of its Second Administration Report is furnished.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"With reference to the last item in the table given, may I know whether daily worship includes nithyanaivedhya theeparathana?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I want notice."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 420–424 infra.